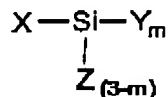


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b) providing said at least one hydrolysable silane having the following general structure:



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where X is a monovalent non-hydrolyzable organic moiety comprising at least one functional group W which is reactive with said polymer with the proviso that an Si-C bond is present between Si and W, Y is a hydrolysable group, Z is a monovalent hydrocarbon group, and m is an integer from 1 to 3;

- c) extruding a) and b) into a tubular perform at a temperature
- d) forming said tubular perform into a balloon perform;
- e) blowing said balloon perform into a balloon; and
- f) exposing said balloon or balloon perform to water;

wherein said a) and b) react to form a polymeric material having hydrolysable groups on said silane wherein said hydrolysable groups crosslink upon exposure to water and form said --Si-O-Si--linkages.

Remarks

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121

During a telephone interview on March 18, 2002, a restriction requirement was made under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-19, drawn to catheter balloons; and

Group II, claims 20-30, drawn to methods of making catheter balloons.

A provisional election was made to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 1-19. That election is hereby affirmed. Claims 20-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a divisional application.